

Emergency Rule Review – ERR20-022
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NOTE: Under W.S. 16-3-103(b), temporary emergency rules are valid for not more than 120 days after the date of filing.

SUBJECT: Ch. 1-Mandatory Screening of Newborns for metabolic and Genetic Conditions

NATURE OF RULES: Legislative, Procedural

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: W.S. 35-4-802

SUMMARY OF RULES: The Department of Health has promulgated emergency rules that included an additional test as part of the newborn screening panel required by law. This action was taken upon the determination of the Wyoming Newborn Screening Advisory Committee that including the additional test was appropriate. The new test screens for spinal muscular atrophy. According to the Department, this genetic disorder affects 1 in 10,000 live births and early identification can improve health outcomes for those diagnosed.

This is the second time the Department has promulgated these emergency rules. The Department first promulgated these emergency rules in December 2019. (ERR19-036). W.S. 16-3-103(b) provides that "[i]n no case shall identical or substantially similar emergency rules be effective for a total period of more than two hundred forty (240) days."

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